

Adjournment Motion is taken up after suspending the whole business of House ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I have given the floor to Shri Banatwalla only.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (PONNANI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, you may take your decision. Whatever decision you will take, that will, of course, be accepted by me. You may take any decision and your decision will be accepted by me. But the thing is that on the question of Maharashtra, I have given a notice of Adjournment Motion and yesterday also, before you, I was pleading that Maharashtra be given the necessary precedence because of the specific constitutional requirement and the responsibility that is placed upon the State for the protection of the *dalits*. The question of *dalits*, the question of weaker sections is a matter of specific mention in the Constitution. Article 46 specially places a responsibility upon the States for the protection of the *dalits*.

MR. SPEAKER: Anyway, the matter is closed now. Nothing more than that is required at this stage.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Sir, my Adjournment Motion should be considered and given precedence over any other matter ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, what is your ruling on this? ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (BARH): Sir, I am on a point of order ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Now, it is over on this issue.

[Translation]

SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH (SEONI): Sir, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh was rocked by a devastating earthquake on May 22nd, which claimed several lives and damaged property on a large scale. But the loss of lives in the States rocked by earthquake has not been taken seriously ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Those who have given notices will get a chance.

[Translation]

SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH: Although this devastating earthquake has caused heavy damage and several lives have been lost yet it has not been taken seriously by the Jabalpur administration. It has rather overlooked it. This negligence may further aggravate the crisis and resulting in unimaginable loss of lives in future.

12.15 hrs.

(SHRI P.M. SAYEED *in the Chair*)

Mr. Chairman, Sir I hold the administration responsible for all this. The Madhya Pradesh Govt. did not extend any help. We had invited the hon. Prime Minister to visit the place and he did go there only then. I hold the hon. Prime

Minister also guilty for not taking any action against the apathy shown by the State Govt. Though the hon. Prime Minister visited there, proper review of the situation was not done thereafter and the seriousness of the earthquake was not considered. I, through you would like to draw the attention of the House towards the inaction of the Madhya Pradesh Govt. which the hon. Prime Minister has tried to protect. At first, Madhya Pradesh Govt. believed that only 300 villages were affected by this calamity but today, it believes that 3000 villages have been affected. It proves that the tragedy is increasing day by day and today, entire Jabalpur is affected ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Please take up this issue. You must decide on the Adjournment Motion. It must be discussed today. The dalit issue should be allowed. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI (HOWRAH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, no business can be more important than the business of the issue relating to dalits. This issue should be given precedence over all other issues. ...*(Interruptions)* It is a State sponsored terrorism against dalits in the State of Maharashtra. How can other issues be given precedence? Nothing can be more important than this issue. ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY: Sir, I have drawn the attention of the House towards very serious matter ...*(Interruptions)* we would not allow the House to be run in this manner ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV (PURNIA): Mr. Chairman Sir, in Bihar ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I did not permit you, please sit down.

[English]

I am standing here. So, you must sit down.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to conduct the House. Do not shout. I have not given you the permission.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, hon. Speaker has already given a ruling on the question of admissibility of the Adjournment Motion and also on the Motion under rule 184. I am not going to review it; I am not entitled to do it.

I am going to call all hon. Members who have already been given notice for raising matters during Zero Hour. Hon.